

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO†

### EXCERPTS FROM OUR STATE MEDICAL JOURNAL

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#### EXCERPTS FROM EDITORIAL NOTES

*Vote No on Number 5 the Chiropractic Initiative.*—Certain groups of Chiropractors apparently believe that California can only be won by violence and that the violent will bear away the palm. The campaign for this purpose was outlined in "Fountain News," page 4, Number 34-35, published by the Palmer School of Chiropractic, Davenport, Iowa. . . .

The proposed Chiropractic Initiative Measure which will be presented for vote of the people at the November general election, is loosely drawn and full of ambiguous provisions, which by subtle suggestion seek to lull suspicion as to the dangers that lie hidden in the verbiage. . . .

#### EXCERPTS FROM ORIGINAL AND OTHER ARTICLES

*From an Article on "Prehistoric Trephining of the Frontal Sinus," by Frank Albert Burton, M.D., San Diego, Calif.*—For investigation and study, new and most interesting material has been made available through the establishment of the Museum of Man at San Diego under the direction of Dr. Edgar L. Hewitt, Director of the School of American Research. . . .

While studying the nasal accessory sinuses of the skulls in the Museum I came across one of undoubted trephining of the frontal sinus. This gave the incentive, and a careful search through the entire collection resulted in finding two more with trephine openings into the frontal sinus. The study of these specimens, as well as the review of the literature, was most interesting to me and believing it would interest you accounts for this paper today. . . .

*From an Article on "Hookworm and Amoebiasis in California," by C. A. Kofoid, Professor of Zoology, University of California, Berkeley, California.*—Two diseases of parasitic origin which may be expected to appear in the routine of any physician's practice in California are hookworm and amoebiasis. Both are infections primarily of the digestive tract and may be detected by faecal examination, though their symptoms are exceedingly varied, and, especially in the case of amoebiasis, may give no clue to the location and nature of the infection. . . .

*From an Article on "Basal Metabolism in Thyroid Disease, as an Aid to Diagnosis and Treatment, with Notes on the Utility of the Modified Tissot Apparatus," by Albert H. Rowe, M.S., M.D., Oakland, Calif.*—The minimal metabolic change resulting from the continuous organic functions of the body which are essential to life is termed the basal metabolism. This basal metabolism can be measured by a calorimeter either by the direct estimation of the heat produced in the body, or by calculating the heat production from the amount of oxygen used and the CO<sub>2</sub> given off as a result of the oxidation going on in the organism. . . .

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† This column strives to mirror the work and aims of colleagues who bore the brunt of Association activities some twenty-five years ago. It is hoped that such presentation will be of interest to both old and new members.

Historical reminiscences, papers and other archives will be welcomed by the C.M.A. Committee on History, to whom such should be sent. Address same to the Committee's Secretary, Dr. George H. Kress, Room 2004, 450 Sutter, San Francisco, 8.

## BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA†

By F. N. SCATENA, M. D.

Secretary-Treasurer

### Board Proceedings

An unusually large number of examinees appeared for oral examination at the Board office, Los Angeles, on August 11th.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held at 1020 N St., Sacramento, from October 15th to 18th, 1945.

At the recent meeting held at the Elks Club, Los Angeles, the Board considered petitions for restoration of revoked certificates and also acted on twelve complaints for unprofessional conduct, several of which had been continued from previous meetings.

The Board of Medical Examiners at its regular meeting held in Los Angeles, August 13 to 16, 1945, took the following actions in regard to the status of licentiates:

Ferdinand M. Ferguson, M.D., was found guilty of habitual intemperance on August 15, 1945, and his license was revoked;

Milton Francis Novotny, M.D., was found guilty as charged in Order to Show Cause and his license was revoked on August 15, 1945;

Maurice J. Pullman, D.S.C., was on August 16, 1945, found guilty of alleged illegal advertising, under Section 2409 of the Business and Professions Code, and he was placed on one year probation;

Courtland Rothwell Sanborn, M.D., was on August 16th, 1945, found guilty of narcotic law violation, under Section 2391 of the Code, and his California license was revoked;

Bim Smith, M.D., was on August 15, 1945, found guilty of narcotic addiction under Section 2390 of the Code and his California license was revoked;

Roy Reginald Lessing Sturges, M.D., was found guilty on August 16, 1945, of illegal operation and his California license was revoked.

### News

"Many a woman physician has been wondering during these hectic days on the home front when her services have become much in demand 'What's my outlook when the war is over and the men doctors come back and take over again?' An encouraging answer to this very natural query has just come from the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor as result of a survey of post-war opportunities for women in medical services. 'There never has been a time when adequate medical care was available to all the population,' the report states. 'Indications are that the increased demand in the postwar years for physicians of all types will more than offset the initial increase in the supply trained under the accelerated program during the war. General agreement is that women now studying medicine are likely to have greater rather than less opportunity than those who preceded them.' . . ." (San Francisco Chronicle, July 27, 1945.)

"Senator Sheridan Downey, D., Cal., today introduced a resolution to authorize the military affairs committee

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to make an immediate investigation of what he called hoarding of doctors and dentists by the army and navy." (Washington press dispatch dated June 12; printed Hollywood News, June 12, 1945.)

"A jury in Police Judge Raymond L. Reid's court will decide July 12 whether or not Mrs. Pauline Vigil of 1823 N. Buena Vista St. is guilty of violating the State Business and Professional Code. She pleaded not guilty to three counts of assertedly practicing medicine without a license. The charges were preferred by the Board of Medical Examiners." (Press dispatch from Burbank, printed Hollywood Advertiser, June 28, 1945.)

"One answer to the question of where to get blood and blood plasma for civilians now and in the postwar world is given in a new policy announced by the American Red Cross. The Red Cross will continue to operate for civilians the blood donor service which has been so successful in supplying blood, plasma and albumin to the armed forces. Victims of accidents and burns, mothers in childbirth and other patients desperately needing blood or one of its fractions will not, as in prewar days, have to depend on finding a relative, friend or professional donor with the right blood type . . . Details of the new Red Cross service are given in a report in the forthcoming issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*." (Berkeley Gazette, July 6, 1945.)

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"Two principals in a doctor-patient shooting fray were 'holding their own' today, hospital authorities said. Dr. Hans E. Schiffbauer, 62-year-old surgeon and heart specialist, was listed as 'holding his own' at California Lutheran Hospital where he is recuperating from bullet wounds from a gun fired by a neighbor patient. Hospital doctors gave him 'a chance to live.'" (Los Angeles Herald and Express, July 23, 1945.)

"Dr. Clyde A. Pierson, San Bernardino osteopath, was granted probation and fined \$1,500 yesterday by Superior Judge Frank A. Leonard for an asserted abortion he performed on a Los Angeles woman. Two of the three abortion counts on which Dr. Pierson was convicted originally by a superior court jury were reversed by the

appellate court and, upon motion from the district attorney's office, were dismissed yesterday by Judge Leonard. Judge Leonard granted probation after issuing a lengthy statement in which he declared that 'it is common hearsay knowledge that the defendant is not the only doctor in this locality rendering a like medical service.' . . ." (San Bernardino Telegram, July 3, 1945.)

### Incidence of Tuberculosis

The source of the spread of tuberculosis in a community is the sum total of all open cases of the disease in the locality. Consequently the greater the opportunities for exposure to open cases the higher the prevalence of tuberculosis morbidity and mortality in a community. The greater prevalence of tuberculosis in the more densely populated areas is reflected in the higher rates for children in these localities.—J. Yerushalmy, Ph.D. and C. Silverman, M.D., Am. Rev. Tbc., May, 1945.